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 Processing Unit, Providing the CPU/OS With Secure Storage, and
 Authenticating the CPU/OS to a Third Party

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 19, 2004
RESPONSE TO ACCOMPANY CONTINUATION APPLICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2004, in connection with
 the above-identified application, the following remarks are submitted. Favorable
 consideration is respectfully requested.